

אֱלֹהֵי.	O, immanent God:
נָצַר לְשׁוֹנֵי מַרְע	Keep my tongue from evil: Help me remember that words have power, and help me choose words that support and encourage, rather than hurt and destroy.
וּשְׂפָתַי מִדְּבַר מְרָמָה.	And keep my lips from deceit and arrogance: Help me to see the other and remember that I am not better or different than those whom I serve.
וְלִמְקַלְלֵי נַפְשִׁי תִדָּם.	Let me remain silent when others curse me, and realize that anger directed at me is not personalized and is indicative of the deep pain that individual is in.
וּנְפָשִׁי כְּעָפָר לְכָל תְּהִיָּה.	Let my soul be like dust to all, including myself. Instill a sense of humility in me: the rabbinate is about serving others, not myself. Help me to identify when I am serving my self-interest and not the interest of others.
פָּתַח לְבִי בְּתוֹרָתְךָ.	Please allow your holy Torah to enter not only my intellect but also my heart, as I realize each day how endless the sea of Torah is and how little I know.
וּבְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ תִּתְרַדֵּף נַפְשִׁי.	Encourage my soul to yearn to fulfill your commandments, and thereby become an instrument of God in this world to do good.
וְכָל הַחוֹשְׁבִים עָלַי רָעָה. מְהֵרָה הַפֵּר עֲצָתְם וְקַלְקַל מַחְשַׁבְתָּם:	Please do not let me be disheartened when others judge me unfavorably in my work to bring You into this world.
עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן שְׁמֶךָ. עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן יְמִינְךָ. עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן קְדֻשָּׁתְךָ. עֲשֵׂה לְמַעַן תּוֹרָתְךָ.	I ask for your help not for my sake, but for Yours alone, so that Your name, Your omnipotence, Your holiness, and Your Torah shall be proclaimed by all.
לְמַעַן יִחְלְצוּן יְדִידֶיךָ הַוְשִׁיעָה יְמִינְךָ וְעַנְבֵּי:	God: Please answer my prayers and allow my rabbinic power to be a positive force in this world by helping to release all those whom You love from all manner of distress. Please inspire me to use my rabbinic power sparingly, wisely, and to honor Your great and holy name.
יְהִי לְרָצוֹן אֲמָרֵי פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לְבִי לְפָנֶיךָ. ה' צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי:	Please look with favor upon my words: Even though they are imperfect, they are heartfelt. God, you know what is in my heart.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו. הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:	May the One who is capable of keeping the entire universe in balance allow each of us our own space to be at peace, and thereby allow us to come together as a community and as a People, and be at peace. Amen.